

DETAILED ACTION

Acknowledgments

1. This office action is in response to the BPAI – Examiner Reversed decision on 6/10/2010.
2. Thus, claims 51-52 are pending for examination.

Allowable Subject Matter

3. Claims 51-52 are allowed.
4. The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance:
5. The subject matter of the independent claim could either not be found or was not suggested in the prior art of record. The prior art does not disclose or render obvious the combination as claimed specifically including a catheter having an elongate tubular member having a relatively flexible distal segment having a knit tubular member formed from a single strand that forms a plurality of interlocking up loops and down loops and wherein the knit tubular member is generally not radially expandable in combination with the other elements of the claims..

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

Conclusion

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to ANDREW M. GILBERT whose telephone number is

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(571)272-7216. The examiner can normally be reached on 8:30 am to 5:00 pm Monday through Friday.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Kevin Sirmons can be reached on (571)272-4965. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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